

## SAPRINUS DIMIDIATIPENNIS

*Saprinus dimidiatipennis*. In the "Canadian Entomologist," LXI, 1929, p. 94, Dr. Hatch places this species as an aberration of *S. palmatus* Say. This is an error which we followed in our second supplement of the "Catalogue of the Coleoptera of America, North of Mexico" and which we now desire to correct.

*S. dimidiatipennis* was described by the elder LeConte in "Annals of the Lyceum of Natural History of New York," I, 1824, p. 170, Pl. XI, fig. 5. According to a memorandum entitled "Information concerning Annals . . . Vol. I-IV, 1823-1848 compiled by Dr. J. H. Barnhardt and a copy given to the American Museum of Natural History in September 1933," pages 161-192 were published between September and December, 1824.

The description of *S. palmatus* was not published until July, 1825 (Jour. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Vol. V, pt. 1, p. 42), and therefore priority cannot be claimed for this name.

LeConte Jour. Boston Soc. Nat. History, 1845, Marsuel Ann. Soc. Ent. France, 1855 and Horn Proc. Amer. Philos. Soc., 1873, have correctly treated *dimidiatipennis*. The error, as far as we can find, had its origin in Col. Casey's Memoir, VII, 1916, pp. 260 and 269. The reference by Bickhardt in Coleop. Cat. Pt. 24, p. 107, is also in error. The error is possibly due to confusion with the younger LeConte's paper in Ann. Lyceum Nat. History, Vol. V, 1851, wherein the pages on the genus *Saprinus* conflict with those of the elder LeConte's paper but no mention is made of *dimidiatipennis* on page 170 although a reference is made to the species in a foot-note on page 165.

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